

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
Forty-sixth Legislature  
First Regular Session  
2003

CHAPTER 111

# HOUSE BILL 2211

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY ACCESS TO HOSPITAL EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PATIENT SAFETY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Study committee on community access to hospital  
3 emergency services and patient safety

4 A. The study committee on community access to hospital emergency  
5 services and patient safety is established consisting of the following  
6 members:

7 1. The chairman of the senate health committee, who shall co-chair the  
8 committee.

9 2. The chairman of the house of representatives health committee, who  
10 shall co-chair the committee.

11 3. One member of the senate health committee who is appointed by the  
12 president of the senate and who is not a member of the same political party  
13 as the chairman of the senate health committee.

14 4. One member of the house of representatives health committee who is  
15 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and who is not a  
16 member of the same political party as the chairman of the house of  
17 representatives health committee.

18 5. The director of the department of health services or the director's  
19 designee.

20 6. An administrator of a hospital in a county with a population of  
21 less than five hundred thousand persons that provides emergency  
22 services. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint this  
23 member.

24 7. An administrator of a hospital in a county with a population of  
25 more than five hundred thousand persons that provides emergency  
26 services. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint this  
27 member.

28 8. Two physicians who are licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13  
29 or 17, Arizona Revised Statutes, and who each have medical staff privileges  
30 at a general acute care hospital in this state. One of these members must  
31 be a specialist physician and the other must be a physician who practices  
32 emergency medicine. The president of the senate shall appoint these members.

33 9. An administrator of a hospital that provides specialized inpatient  
34 surgical services. The president of the senate shall appoint this member.

35 10. One representative of a healthcare insurance plan. The speaker of  
36 the house of representatives shall appoint this member.

37 11. A primary care physician who is licensed pursuant to title 32,  
38 chapter 13 or 17, Arizona Revised Statutes, and who has medical staff  
39 privileges at a general acute care hospital in this state. The speaker of  
40 the house of representatives shall appoint this member.

41 B. The committee shall:

42 1. Examine and review data regarding hospital emergency department  
43 overcrowding and diversion status and examine the causes of hospital  
44 emergency department overcrowding.

1           2. Review federal and state laws that impact the use of hospital  
2 emergency department services.

3           3. Review the amount of uncompensated care provided to patients who  
4 use hospital emergency departments in this state and examine the cost of  
5 providing emergency services to undocumented persons.

6           4. Review the number of physician specialists practicing in this state  
7 and assess the current and projected availability of physicians to provide  
8 specialty services in hospital emergency departments.

9           5. Review federal and state laws that govern the provision of  
10 emergency services.

11          6. Examine the community access and patient safety issues relating to  
12 special hospitals that provide acute inpatient services and the impact of  
13 special hospitals on the availability of a full range of emergency services  
14 in the community.

15          7. Examine and review issues impacting the availability of emergency  
16 services in counties with a population of less than five hundred thousand  
17 persons.

18          8. Submit a written report regarding the committee's activities and  
19 recommendations on or before November 15, 2003 to the governor, the president  
20 of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives and provide a  
21 copy of this report to the secretary of state and the director of the Arizona  
22 state library, archives and public records.

23          C. Members of the committee are not eligible to receive compensation  
24 or reimbursement of expenses.

25          Sec. 2. Delayed repeal

26          This act is repealed from and after December 31, 2003.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 28, 2003.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 28, 2003.

Passed the House March 3, 2003

Passed the Senate April 8, 2003

by the following vote: 40 Ayes,

by the following vote: 17 Ayes,

19 Nays, 1 Not Voting

13 Nays, 0 Not Voting

Jake Flake  
Speaker of the House

Ken Bennett  
President of the Senate

Norman L. Moore  
Chief Clerk of the House

Channing Bellington  
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary to the Governor

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor of Arizona

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This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

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Secretary of State

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HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE  
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

April 23, 2003,

by the following vote: 43 Ayes,

16 Nays, 1 Not Voting

John H. Flake  
Speaker of the House  
Norman L. Moore  
Chief Clerk of the House

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

23 day of April, 2003

at 11:44 o'clock A M.

Sandra Ramirez  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 28 day of

April, 2003,

at 3:25 o'clock P. M.

Jon R. Ragsdale  
Governor of Arizona

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 28 day of April, 2003,

at 4:51 o'clock P M.

Janice L. Brewer  
Secretary of State